

Using Preliminary Loss Reports

PRELIMINARY LOSS REPORT 07037

POV CRASH CLAIMS 1 SOLDIER'S LIFE -- ACCIDENT

A 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Division Soldier was killed in a vehicle crash on 29 December 2006 at approximately 0300 local in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio. The 21-year-old PV2 was on leave driving a newly purchased 1999 Chevrolet Silverado pickup when he lost control and left the roadway. In an attempt to correct, he steered back on the roadway, but was unable to regain control when the vehicle entered a ditch, overturned, struck an electric box, and caught fire. The Soldier was pronounced dead at the scene.

Including this accident, there have been 25 Class A POV accidents in FY07 compared to 26 for the same time frame in FY06. These 25 accidents have resulted in 27 fatalities compared to 25 Soldier deaths for the same time frame in FY06.

Consider these actions to help prevent vehicle crashes in general:

- ✓ Remind Soldiers that high risk times for accidents are between the hours of 2300 and 0500.
- ✓ Leaders advise Soldiers that the primary responsibility of the operator is to maintain vehicle control. Ensure Soldiers that operate vehicles take the Army Accident Avoidance Course to strengthen their driving skills; see the [USACRC Online Learning](#) web page for registration instructions.
- ✓ Instill in Soldiers the importance of maintaining situational awareness while operating a vehicle, e.g. reducing speed in unfamiliar areas, taking extra time when clearing turns or intersections, and not becoming a distracted driver.

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